REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5, 9 and 17 have been amended. New claim 18 has been added. Claims 1-2, 5 and 9-18 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 9-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,856,820 (Kolls) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,375,059 (Kyrtsos).

Amended independent claim 1 recites, in relevant part, the following:

the service providing system comprising ...

transmission means ... to provide access to a specified service, via the communication network, from the service server to a specified electronic appliance and for transmitting service information, which has a predetermined content for realizing the specified service, to the specified electronic appliance ...

in which said <u>service information indicates update</u> data for map information is available for the specified electronic appliance, and

wherein the transmission means <u>transmits</u> to the specified electronic appliance <u>the update data</u> for the map information <u>responsive to a request for the update data</u> for the map information transmitted over the communication network by the specified electronic appliance

(emphasis added). The features added to claim 1 are believed to be described in the present application, for example, at pg. 36, ln. 23-pg. 39, ln. 17 and pg. 49, ln. 22-pg. 52, ln. 3 and FIG. 10.

It is respectfully submitted that Kolls and Krytsos as applied by the Examiner do not appear to specifically disclose the above identified features of claim 1. The portions of Kolls and Krytsos relied upon by the Examiner (see Office Action pg. 3, ln. 5, pg. 4, ln. 1-13 and pg. 5, ln. 1-5) in explaining the

103 rejection do not appear to disclose or suggest a service providing system including a transmission means for transmitting specified electronic appliance service information to "indicat[ing] update data for map information is available for the specified electronic appliance," and where the transmission "transmits to the specified electronic appliance the means update data for the map information responsive to a request for the update data for the map information transmitted over the communication network by the specified electronic appliance," as now recited in claim 1. (Emphasis added.)

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claim 1 is distinguishable over the applied combination of Kolls and Krytsos.

Independent claims 2, 5, 9 and 17, and new claim 18, include limitations corresponding to those of claim 1 discussed above. For reasons similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 2, 5, 9 and 17, and also new claim 18, are also distinguishable from the applied combination of Kolls and Krytsos.

Claims 10-16 depend from one of the amended independent claims. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 10-16 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Kolls and Krytsos for at least the reasons previously described.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's

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attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional rejections and/or objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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